

SENATE BILL 314

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CF HB 1193

By: **Senators Pugh, Benson, Forehand, Garagiola, Gladden, Jones-Rodwell,
King, Klausmeier, Manno, Muse, Peters, Rosapepe, and Stone**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Personnel – Traumatic Events – Mental Health Support Services**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain unit of State government to ~~make available~~
4 obtain mental health support services ~~to~~ for certain individuals affected by a
5 traumatic event that occurs in a facility of the unit and results in the death of
6 an individual; requiring certain mental health support services to be made
7 available to certain employees ~~for a certain purpose and~~ within a certain period
8 of time; defining ~~a certain term~~ certain terms; and generally relating to the
9 provision of mental health support services by units of State government.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

11 Article – State Government

12 Section 8–306(a)(4)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

15 BY adding to

16 Article – State Personnel and Pensions

17 Section 5–401 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4. Mental Health Services
18 for Traumatic Events”

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 Article – State Government

4 8–306.

5 (a) (4) “State facility” means a facility that is owned, leased, or operated
6 by the State for the purpose of providing health, juvenile, or correctional services to
7 clients or inmates.

8 Article – State Personnel and Pensions

9 SUBTITLE 4. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR TRAUMATIC EVENTS.

10 5–401.

11 (A) (1) IN THIS SUBTITLE, “UNIT” MEANS THE FOLLOWING WORDS
12 HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

13 (2) “STATE FACILITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 8–306(A)
14 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

15 (3) “UNIT” MEANS A UNIT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE
16 GOVERNMENT.

17 (B) ~~A UNIT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT~~
18 ~~SERVICES TO ANY EMPLOYEE OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL AFFECTED BY~~ IF A
19 TRAUMATIC EVENT THAT OCCURS IN A STATE FACILITY OF THE A UNIT AND
20 RESULTS IN THE DEATH OF AN INDIVIDUAL INDIVIDUAL, THE UNIT SHALL
21 OBTAIN MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE UNIT
22 AFFECTED BY THE TRAUMATIC EVENT.

23 (C) ~~THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED REQUIRED~~
24 ~~UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE:~~

25 (1) ~~TO AN EMPLOYEE TO ENSURE THAT THE EMPLOYEE HAS THE~~
26 ~~MENTAL ABILITY TO RESUME THE EMPLOYEE’S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES;~~
27 ~~AND~~

28 (2) PROVIDED WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER THE TRAUMATIC EVENT
29 OCCURS.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 October 1, 2012.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.